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regret that you have concluded to stay so short a time in this part of the State for although I may not have the pleasure of seeing you I can still have that of hoping that circumstances may some how or other bring us together.

I received a letter from Chum John this day dated 21st June. The class were reviewing math. and had proceeded as far as 2nd book in Say. They pretend that we may expect a very strict and critical examination

Your amusements are quite as beneficial considering the tedious scenes before us as my own. In fact I have done very little besides visit since I have been here and yet I have scarcely visited the same house twice. Beaus are very scarce here and consequently fetch a high price. Parties are frequent and very splendid — girls very obsequious and yet th[illegible] not [illegible] my heart ~~yet~~. Latin and Greek are among [illegible] al[illegible] and mine. As to the former I can say that I hear my girls [illegible] in Virgil and elsewhere with pleasure and as to the latter that I have scarcely opened a book on the subject. By the way I had almost forgotten to tell you that there had been a small row between the southern students and the iron grey band about nine pints. I know very little about it except that Robinson of fighting memory struck one fellow ~~two~~ 2 stiff blows ~~on~~ the face.

Hazard came over two weeks since and made me a visit. Why will not you do the same? Hazard will not write after Commencement and it is very doubtful whether he graduates with us. he is very low-spirited and almost discouraged. J. G. Porter

I never felt in so bad a mood for writing in my life. I hardly know what would have tempted me to undertake it besides the necessity which now compells me to it. Give my love to Mr. Gilberts family and write me soon and I will try to write an answer which shall be more deserving of it than this of your last

examination commences 15 July,

The fare I think is 4.50. I am thus particular that however much I wish to see you in New London, you may act according to your own opinion after knowing the true state of the case. — There is one other route through Middletown but economy will not suffer me to go that way as I should be under the necessity of staying one night at M.

"With regard to my situation you have probably heard all or nearly all from Mr B. and wife". I have 45 scholars most of them very prety and very obedient. But supposing they are not so you ask what method I can take to enforce my commands. Why just this, box their ears and give them ~~them~~ a dose of the "oleum ferulæ". My school-house is my kingdom and if its government is not tyrannical I intend it shall have enough of what Dr. Payley says are the principal advantages of an absolute monarchy viz energy and decission. However, so far as I have learned my scholars for the most part either fear or love me. My school is too large for one man to take care of and I am glad to hear that when I have three more scholars I am to have an assistant. The confinement is considerable and considerably irksome. though I hope that by letting "patience have her perfect work" I shall continue as much pleased as I am at present. With regard to the school where Whitbey is I can only say that there have been a number of applications (not formal) from members of our class. Whether W. has spoken to the committee on the subject I cannot tell but this I know — that he intends to leave in Nov. Wright has applied but I heard yesterday that he had engaged a school in Groton. Mass. W. is to start for Ohio on the 1st July.

I was glad to hear that your prospects at L. are so promising. Promising I say because I really think they must be so from the account I had from Esq. Williams a few weeks since. I

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My Dear Amos

Your letter of the present week I received in due time and with much satisfaction. After the pleasure which I have confessed it gave me I need not say that I have deeply regretted the neglect with which our proposed correspondence has been treated. The cause however, I am persuaded ~~can~~ be traced ~~entirely~~ to want of time rather that to want of inclination and to the confidence which each had that the other would make the first advances rather than to indolence.

After an introduction more formal than I wish it was, I shall proceed to business. And first with regard to going in company to New Haven. Mrs Bull probably told you that a Mrs & Miss Chew from this place were anxious to go, and that we had proposed to obtain one other person and so charter a four wheel vehicle from this place. This would have been the cheapest and the most pleasant conveyance as the society of the ladies in question is not to be sneezed at. ~~for~~ that you know I should like and I know you would not dislike. But this proposal is like to fall through for the present as the persons above mentioned have unexpectedly heard of company which are to visit them in two or three weeks. Thus I have given you a true statement of the case and you can see for yourself that this project, for the present, must prove abortive. — for the present I have said, as the Mrs Chews think that they would be very glad to improve an opportunity of the kind at Commencement or a week before. If so we can fall into the plan or not as it shall be well pleasing unto us. The conveyances from this place are few and miserable. If no other way offers I think I shall take the mail waggon on Sat. Morn 8th July at 2 o'clock

Sat. Morning — Really I would not send this letter if I had time to write another. After visiting all the evening I came home at 10 o'clock and wrote what you see on this sheet. Therefore pray don't expose me.